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IN RE APPLICATION OF

LANE ET AL.

APPLICATION NO: 10/523,047

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FOR: METHODS FOR THE TREATMENT OF DEMENTIA BASED ON
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Commissioner for Patents

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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

In response to the Restriction Requirement of December 8, 2006, Applicants elect the claims of Group I, claims 1-32, drawn to a method of preventing the deterioration of cognitive function in patients. This election is made without traverse.

In addition, Applicants further elect the ChEI drug rivastigmine (EXELON™) for Claims 9, 20 and 29.

With this Response, Applicants include a Petition for a Two-Month Extension of Time. Accordingly, this election is timely made. However, if it is deemed that additional fees are required, the Commissioner is authorized to charge Deposit Account No. 19-0134 in the name of Novartis for any fees due.

Applicants reserve the right to prosecute the subject matter of any non-elected claim groups in one or more divisional applications.